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e. Building Materials, China, and Glass: Abteilungsleiter Berendt said that if the plan for production of bullet-proof glass were not to be abandoned, Mowelith (binding material) [ ] must be imported as planned. The import of a Mowelith plant [ ] had been decided upon but no progress made.

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f. Paper trade: Abteilungsleiter Langenstrass stated that the Handels-Organisation had complained of the quality of the grease-proof paper made in the DDR which gave the food wrapped in it an unpleasant taste and said that if suitable paper was to be provided it would have to be imported. He stated that Walter Ulbricht had taken an interest in this matter without, however, achieving any result.

2. After these statements had been made, the question of sabotage was raised. Abteilungsleiter Huetter reported that in the production of tires, it had been discovered that, although the Deka Works in Fuerstenwalde(2) had fulfilled its plan on paper, this had been achieved by a gross over-production of tires for ordinary cars, while truck tire production was only 2% of the plan. Herzberg reported a similar case where an over-production of children's shoes had been carried out at the expense of shoes for adults in order to achieve a paper fulfillment of the plan. Preiss said that a number of cases had been reported from Leuna of water being found in gasoline drums. Berendt said that morale among building workers had been lowered by the delays at ministerial level in approving building plans and in releasing materials. Finally Binz reported that owing to non-fulfillment of the plan for tractor spare parts, 1,400 of these machines had been out of action in the autumn, which meant 35,000 square meters had unnecessarily lain uncultivated.

3. At an earlier conference on 14 January 1952, Binz reported as follows:

- a. As a result of a shortage of caustic soda in the DDR, the production of synthetic wool (Zellwolle) would have to be cut by 30% in 1952; this would be equivalent to a reduction of 1 kilogram per head of population. 50X1-HUM
- b. Owing to sheet metal not being delivered [ ] the production of automobiles would have to be reduced by 8%.
- c. During 1951, 300,000 complete standard wooden huts (Einfamilienhaeuser) had been sent to the USSR; this figure would be raised to 500,000 in 1952.

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